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In re Application of:

KOVALIC *et al.*

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Sequence and Uses Thereof

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Second Status Inquiry

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Sir:

Please provide us with the status of the above-referenced patent application. It has been over forty-eight (48) months since this application was filed and Applicants have not yet received an Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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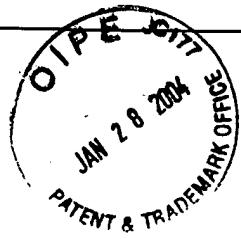
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Sir:

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1. a Second Status Inquiry;
2. an Appointment of Associate Attorneys; and
3. a return postcard.

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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.044. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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